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SAMPLING GUIDE



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This standardized document provides QC guidelines for potable water sampling to MED DET's and PVNTMED Svc personnel regarding drinking water sampling using USACHPPM sample pack kits.

Each sampling kit provides the appropriately prepared containers and preservatives to correctly collect drinking water samples. One sampling kit should be used per sample site. Users should inventory the sample pack to ensure all necessary equipment is present. An inventory of equipment is provided at Figure 1.

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## ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS Alkalinity

ALK

DBCP Dibromochloropropane

Chloride CI

Specific conductivity Ethylene dibromide Cond **EDB** 

Fluoride

Free available chlorine FAC

FedEx Federal Express

Gallon gal HCl Hydrochloric Nitric Acid Sulfuric Acids HNO<sub>3</sub> H₂SO₄ MBAS Foaming agents Medical Detachment MED DET

Milligrams Milliliter mg mĨ

Material Safety Data Sheet MSDS

Nitrate  $NO_3$  $NO_2$ Nitrite Ounce ΟZ

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Preventive Medicine Service **PVNTMED Svc** 

Quality Control QC

Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit ROWPU

Sulfate

Semi-volatile Organic Compound

SO<sub>4</sub> SVOC T-PO<sub>4</sub> Total phosphate
Total dissolved solids TDS Trihalomethane Sampling THM Total Dissolved Solids TDS **Total Organic Carbon** TOC

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Volatile Organic Chemical VOC

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## **SAMPLING LOCATIONS**

The three types of sampling locations are:

<u>Source water</u>, conducted at source (raw water) before treatment.

<u>Treated water</u>, collected after the water passes through a typical type of treatment such as ROWPU prior to distribution.

<u>Distribution system</u>, collected at representatives points in the distribution system. Sampling at the dead end of a distribution line should be avoided.

## SAMPLE COLLECTIONS

Take the following field measurements: pH, temperature, conductivity or TDS, turbidity, and FAC residual, if any. Record measurements on the Field Data Sheet.

Locate a utility spigot or faucet and turn on, allowing water to run at a moderate flow for 3-5 minutes to clear water standing in the plumbing system and begin a draw of water from the source or main pipe. To ensure withdrawal from the source or main pipe, monitor the temperature. Once stabilized, samples can be taken.

NOTE: All samples should be taken from the same location.

## **PACKAGING NOTES**

Samples should be transported from the field by a major carrier such as Federal Express. The MED DET/ PVNTMED Svc personnel must make arrangements to ship cooler(s) as soon as possible to USACHPPM by whatever means possible.

The USACHPPM frequently uses Federal Express to ship samples from the field to the laboratory. The appropriate forms for shipment are included in the sample pack kit, preprinted with USACHPPM name, address, & account number.

Federal Express will not pick up samples on Sunday. Any samples sent on Saturday will be delivered on Monday or Tuesday. If the Samples are to be sent on a Friday, the USACHPPM Water Supply Management Program must be notified to ensure that a staff member will be present to receive the samples on Saturday morning.

## CONTAINER LABELING

All containers in the sample pack kit are prelabeled. Each label will have the project number and analytical requirements for the sample written on it (see sample below, Figure 1).

SAMPLE CONTAINER LABEL EXAMPLE

PROJECT NUMBER (#): (Completed by USACHPPM)

INSTALLATION: CAMP SWAMPY

SAMPLE NUMBER (#): POTABLE WATER SITE 1

DATE COLLECTED: 10 OCT 95

TIME COLLECTED: 1300

SAMPLE PRESERVED: (Completed by USACHPPM)
ANALYSIS REQUIRED: (Completed by USACHPPM)

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## **FIELD DATA SHEET**

The MED DET / PVNTMED Svc personnel are responsible for completing the Drinking Water Supply Field Data Sheet (AEHA Form 328-R) found in the sample pack kit.

- 1. Project Number: Completed by USACHPPM
- 2. Project Name: Name of installation
- 3. Sampler Name: Full name and rank of sampler
- 4. Sampler DSN: DSN phone no.; comm'l if DSN not avail.
- 5. Sample No.: Give each sample point a unique number.\*
- 6. Sample Name: e.g., bldg no., well no., WTP
- 7. Sample Location (coordinates): Latitude/longitude, grid coordinates, or standard military coordinates
- 8. Type of Sample: e.g., raw well water; TW=treated water; RS=raw surface; DS=distributed system; T=tap; FD=first
- draw; F=flushed; WC=water coolers 9. Date: Date sample taken (mo/da/yr)
- 10. Time: Time sample taken (24-hour format 0800)
- 11. Temp: Temperature of the water; C=celsius;

F=fahrenheit

- 12. pH: pH level of the water
- 13. FAC: Free available chlorine; note mg/L
- 14. Turbidity: Turbidity of the sample (if analyzed)
- 15: Conductivity: Conductivity of the sample (if analyzed)
- 16: Remarks: Note anything of interest

\*All samples collected at a given point should have the same sample number.

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# Inventory of Equipment in Potable Water Sampling Pack Containers\* 1 liter amber glass flint

1 liter amber glass filmt Pesticides, herbicides, and SVOC	2 ea
40 ml vials	
VOC and THM	3 ea
EDB/DBCP	2 2 ea
Endothal, glyphosate, and carbamates	2 ea
1 liter amber/brown plastic bottle for diquat	1
1 gal plastic cube for radiochemicals	1
1 liter plastic/cube bottle	
Metals and calcium hardness	1
Nitrite/nitrate and total phosphate	1
Cyanide	1
16 oz glass flint for TOC and mercury	1 ea
16 oz plastic bottle	
ALK, MBAS, color, tritium and TDS	1 ea
8 oz plastic bottle for chloride and sulfate; and tritium	1 ea
4 oz plastic bottle for fluoride	1
Blanks*	
VOCs and THMs	3 ea
SVOC, EDB/DBCP, endothal, glyphosate, & carbamates	2 ea
Preservatives*	
Sulfuric acid, 10 ml ampule	
Nitrite/nitrate and total phosphate, diquat, and TOC	1 ea
Nitric acid, 10 ml ampule	
Metals and calcium, hardness, and mercury	1 ea
Radiochemicals	.2
1:1 Hydrochloric, vial or	1
	1 ea 2 1 2
10 ml ampules	_
Miscellaneous:	1
Cooler, packing	
Tape and bubble wrap, packing	1
Pipet and bulb apparatus, 1 ml clear glass	1
Waterproof pen	3
Drinking Water Supply Field Data Sheets	1 1 3 2
Plastic bags	1
FedEx Shipment Forms and MSDS	
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\* Will vary, depending on what analyses are being collected

Fig1

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## **VOC SAMPLING**

#### LOCATE:

- · Three 40ml vials labeled for VOC sampling
- Vial of 1:1 HCL
- Three QC <u>VOC blanks</u>, already filled with water (DO NOT OPEN)

- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Collect samples carefully, avoiding the presence of air bubbles
- Adjust the faucet/spigot to slow the flow rate to fill the container without splashing; using a low flow rate assures a minimum amount of aeration (presence of bubbles)
- Pour sufficient sample into vial to form a reverse meniscus (rounded surface) at the top of the vial
- With the eyedropper, add two drops of the 1:1 HCl solution to the VOC sample vial
- Carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the water
- Invert the sample vial a few times to mix
- Turn the capped vial upside down and tap at the side lightly to force any bubbles to rise
- If bubbles are present, remove the cap, but do not empty
  the vial; add just enough water to remove the headspace
  at the top of the vial, forming a rounded surface, and carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the water
- As part of the QC, 3 blanks (40ml vials already filled with water) must be returned with each sample kit. Keep the blanks with the sample vials at all times, in storage and in the field. DO NOT OPEN THEM.

Potable water samples being sent to USACHPPM labs for analyses should be packaged in packing material provided in the sample pack kit to prevent breakage of the samples.

- Locate the roll of bubble wrap and two large plastic bags.
  - Cut the bubble wrap to the appropriate size for each glass container and individually wrap each container
  - Double the plastic bags (one inside the other) and line the inside of the cooler
- Place each sample container inside the plastic bag; avoid having any glass sample containers touching other glass containers by positioning the glass container and surrounding it with plastic containers when possible
- Tie the inner bag closed and place the ice, prefrozen gel blocks, or other means of refrigeration in the second bag to ensure the samples remain cold — DO NOT USE DRY ICE
- Wrap a copy of the Field Data Sheet to keep it dry and place it inside the cooler
- Seal the cooler securing with tape provided in the sample pack kit
- Place a return address (the installation where the sampling took place) on the top left-hand corner of the cooler
- Send the properly packaged cooler to:

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## THM SAMPLING

#### LOCATE:

- · Three 40ml vials labeled for THM sampling
- Vial of <u>1:1 HCI</u>
- Three QC <u>THM blanks</u>, already filled with water (DO NOT OPEN)

- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Collect samples carefully, avoiding presence of air bubbles
- Adjust the faucet/spigot to slow the flow rate to fill the container without splashing; using a low flow rate assures a minimum amount of aeration (presence of bubbles)
- Pour sufficient sample into vial to form a reverse meniscus (rounded surface) at the top of the vial
- With the eyedropper, add two drops of the 1:1 HCl solution to the THM sample vial
- Carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the water
- Invert the sample vial a few times to mix
- Turn the capped vial upside down and tap at the side lightly to force any bubbles to rise
- If bubbles are present, remove the cap, but do not empty
  the vial; add just enough water to remove the headspace
  at the top of the vial, forming a rounded surface, and carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the water
- As part of the QC, 3 blanks (40ml vials already filled with water) must be returned with each sample kit. Keep the blanks with the sample vials at all times, in storage and in the field. DO NOT OPEN THEM.

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## SVOC SAMPLING

#### LOCATE:

- Two 1-liter amber glass flint jars labeled <u>semi-volatile</u> <u>analysis</u>
- Vial or one ampule of 1:1 HCI
- One QC <u>SVOC blank</u>, (two 1-liter amber glass flint jars) already filled with water (DO NOT OPEN)

- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Adjust the flow rate to a point that the container can be filled without splashing; fill container to the neck of the jar
- Carefully break the head off the HCl ampule; turn upside down; tap the bottom to force out the acid solution; add half of the acid solution (or 5ml from the vial) to each SVOC container
- Replace the caps on the containers and shake to effect mixing
- As part of the QC, 1 blank (two 1-liter amber glass flint jars already filled with water) must be returned with each sample kit. Keep the blanks with the sample vials at all times, in storage and in the field. DO NOT OPEN THEM.

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- · Locate the roll of bubble wrap and two large plastic bags.
  - Cut the bubble wrap to the appropriate size for each glass container and individually wrap each container
  - Double the plastic bags (one inside the other) and line the inside of the cooler
- Place each sample container inside the plastic bag; avoid having any glass sample containers touching other glass containers by positioning the glass container and surrounding it with plastic containers when possible
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#### LOCATE:

- Two 1-liter amber glass flint jars labeled <u>pesticide</u> <u>analysis</u>
- Two 1-liter amber glass flint jars labeled <u>herbicide</u> <u>analysis</u>

- Fill out the information required on the sample container
  label
- Adjust the flow rate to a point that the container can be filled without splashing; fill the containers to the neck of the iar
- Replace caps on the containers and shake to effect mixing

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## **CARBAMATES SAMPLING**

#### LOCATE:

- · Two 40ml vials labeled for carbamates sampling
- Two QC carbamate blanks, already filled with water
- · (DO NOT OPEN)

- Fill out the information required on the sample container
  label.
- Collect samples carefully, avoiding the presence of air bubbles
- Adjust the faucet/spigot to slow the flow rate to the point the container can be filled without splashing; using a low flow rate assures a minimum amount of aeration (presence of bubbles)
- Pour sufficient sample into vial to form a reverse meniscus (rounded surface) at the top of the vial
- Carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the
  water.
- · Invert the sample vial a few times to mix
- Turn the capped vial upside down and tap at the side lightly to force any bubbles to rise
- If bubbles are present, remove the cap, but do not empty the vial; add just enough water to remove the headspace at the top of the vial, forming a rounded surface, and carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the
- As part of the QC, 2 blanks (40ml vials already filled with water) must be returned with each sample kit. Keep the blanks with the sample vials at all times, in storage and in the field. DO NOT OPEN THEM.

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- Locate the roll of bubble wrap and two large plastic bags.
  - Cut the bubble wrap to the appropriate size for each glass container and individually wrap each container
  - Double the plastic bags (one inside the other) and line the inside of the cooler
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#### LOCATE:

- Two 40ml vials labeled for EDB/DBCP sampling
- Vial of <u>1:1 HCI</u>
- Two QC <u>EDB/DBCP blanks</u>, already filled with water (DO NOT OPEN)

- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Collect samples carefully, avoiding the presence of air bubbles
- Adjust the faucet/spigot to slow the flow rate to fill the container without splashing; using a low flow rate assures a minimum amount of aeration (presence of bubbles)
- Pour sufficient sample into vial to form a reverse meniscus (rounded surface) at the top of the vial
- With the eyedropper, add two drops of the 1:1 HCl solution to the EDB/DBCP sample vial
- · Screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the water
- · Invert the sample vial a few times to mix
- Turn the capped vial upside down and tap at the side lightly to force any bubbles to rise
- If bubbles are present, remove the cap, but do not empty
  the vial; add just enough water to remove the headspace
  at the top of the vial, forming a rounded surface, and carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the water
- As part of the QC, 2 blanks (40ml vials already filled with water) must be returned with each sample kit. Keep the blanks with the sample vials at all times, in storage and in the field. DO NOT OPEN THEM.

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- Locate the roll of bubble wrap and two large plastic bags.
  - Cut the bubble wrap to the appropriate size for each glass container and individually wrap each container
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## **ENDOTHAL SAMPLING**

#### LOCATE:

- · Two 40ml vials labeled for endothal sampling
- Two QC <u>endothal blanks</u>, already filled with water (DO NOT OPEN)

- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Collect samples carefully, avoiding the presence of air bubbles
- Adjust the faucet/spigot to slow the flow rate to fill the container without splashing; using a low flow rate assures a minimum amount of aeration (presence of bubbles)
- Pour sufficient sample into vial to form a reverse meniscus (rounded surface) at the top of the vial
- Carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the water
- Invert the sample vial a few times to mix
- Turn the capped vial upside down and tap at the side lightly to force any bubbles to rise
- If bubbles are present, remove the cap, but do not empty the vial; add just enough water to remove the headspace at the top of the vial, forming a rounded surface, and carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the water
- As part of the QC, 2 blanks (40ml vials already filled with water) must be returned with each sample kit. Keep the blanks with the sample vials at all times, in storage and in the field. DO NOT OPEN THEM.

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#### **GLYPHOSATE SAMPLING**

#### LOCATE:

- Two 40ml vials labeled for glyphosate sampling
- Vial of 1:1 HCl
- Three QC <u>glyphosate blanks</u>, already filled with water (DO NOT OPEN)

- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Collect samples carefully, avoiding presence of air bubbles
- Adjust the faucet/spigot to slow the flow rate to fill the container without splashing; using a low flow rate assures a minimum amount of aeration (presence of bubbles)
- Pour sufficient sample into vial to form a reverse meniscus (rounded surface) at the top of the vial
- With the eyedropper, add two drops of the 1:1 HCl solution to the glyphosate sample vial
- Carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the
- Invert the sample vial a few times to mix
- Turn the capped vial upside down and tap at the side lightly to force any bubbles to rise
- If bubbles are present, remove the cap, but do not empty
  the vial; add just enough water to remove the headspace
  at the top of the vial, forming a rounded surface, and carefully screw the cap on with the teflon side toward the water
- As part of the QC, 2 blanks (40ml vials already filled with water) must be returned with each sample kit. Keep the blanks with the sample vials at all times, in storage and in he field. DO NOT OPEN THEM.



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## **DIQUAT SAMPLING**

#### LOCATE:

- One 1-liter brown plastic bottle labeled for <u>diquat</u> analysis
- Ampule of sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)
- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Adjust the flow rate to the point the container can be filled without splashing; fill to the neck of the plastic bottle
- With caution, break the H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ampule and add the acid solution to the diquat container
  - After breaking the head off the ampule, turn it upside down and tap the bottom to force out the acid solution
- Replace the cap on the container and shake to effect mixing

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#### LOCATE:

- One 1-liter plastic cube labeled for <u>metals and calcium</u> <u>hardness analysis</u>
- One 16-oz glass flint jar labeled for mercury analysis
- Two ampules of <u>nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)</u>

## FOR EACH CONTAINER:

- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Adjust the flow rate to the point the container can be filled without splashing; fill to the neck of the plastic cube and bottle
- With caution, break the HNO<sub>3</sub> ampule; add one ampule of acid solution to each container
  - After breaking the head off the ampule, turn it upside down and tap the bottom to force out the acid solution
- Replace the cap on the container and shake to effect mixing

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## RADIOCHEMICALS & TRITIUM SAMPLING

#### LOCATE:

- One 1-gal plastic cube labeled for radiochemicals analysis
- One 16-oz plastic bottle labeled for tritium analysis
- Two ampules of <u>nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)</u>

#### FOR EACH CONTAINER:

- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Adjust the flow rate to the point the container can be filled without splashing; fill each container to the neck
- With caution, break the HNO<sub>3</sub> ampule; add one ampule to each container
  - After breaking the head off the ampule, turn it upside down and tap the bottom to force out the acid solution
- Replace the cap on the container and shake to effect mixing

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## NITRITE/NITRATE (NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>3</sub>), TOTAL PHOSPHATE (T-PO<sub>4</sub>), TOC SAMPLING

#### LOCATE:

- One 1-liter plastic cube labeled for NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>3</sub> and T-PO<sub>4</sub> analysis
- One 16-oz glass flint jar labeled for TOC analysis
- Two ampules of sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)

#### FOR EACH CONTAINER:

- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Adjust the flow rate to the point the container can be filled without splashing; fill to the neck of the plastic bottle
- With caution, break the H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ampule; add one ampule of the acid solution to each container
  - After breaking the head off the ampule, turn it upside down and tap the bottom to force out the acid solution
- Replace the cap on the container and shake to effect mixing

Potable water samples being sent to USACHPPM labs for analyses should be packaged in packing material provided in the sample pack kit to prevent breakage of the samples.

- Locate the roll of bubble wrap and two large plastic bags.
  - Cut the bubble wrap to the appropriate size for each glass container and individually wrap each container
  - Double the plastic bags (one inside the other) and line the inside of the cooler
- Place each sample container inside the plastic bag; avoid having any glass sample containers touching other glass containers by positioning the glass container and surrounding it with plastic containers when possible
- Tie the inner bag closed and place the ice, prefrozen gel blocks, or other means of refrigeration in the second bag to ensure the samples remain cold -- DO NOT USE DRY ICE
- Wrap a copy of the Field Data Sheet to keep it dry and place it inside the cooler
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#### LOCATE:

- One 1-liter plastic bottle/cube labeled for <u>cyanide</u> <u>analysis</u>
- Fill out the information required on the sample container
  label
- Adjust the flow rate to the point the container can be filled without splashing; fill to the neck of the plastic bottle
- Replace the cap on the container and shake to effect mixing

**ALL REMAINING SAMPLES**: Alkalinity, chloride, specific conductivity, sulfate, pH, fluoride, color, foaming agents, and total dissolved solids

## **GATHER:**

- · All remaining containers
- Fill out the information required on the sample container label
- Adjust the flow rate to the point the container can be filled without splashing; fill to the neck of the plastic bottle/cube
- · Replace the cap on the container

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